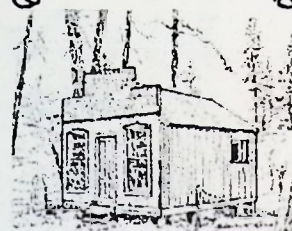


Newsletter of the

BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February 2000



ARE YOU READY FOR THIS? WE'RE NEARING A MILESTONE!

*It's been 10 years since the
idea for the Society first was
proposed*

Time flies when you're having fun! That's certainly the case for our Society. It's hard to believe we're approaching the start of our second decade!

It was way back in 1990 that Reeve and Lyn Hennion, J.B. and Carolyn Roberts, Ben and Connie Fowler, and Ron and Donna Marchetti started talking about it.

The discussions grew out of the Hennions' purchase of the property and the friendliness of all the neighbors who came down to meet them as they cleared brush on the weekends, camped by the river in a small travel trailer. After welcoming the Hennions to the neighborhood, the talk invariably turned to the buildings at Buncom and their plans for them.

At the time they were pretty dilapidated, having been used, abused and ignored for decades. The concern of the people of the Little Applegate was that the Hennions would destroy them. That, of course, was the farthest thing from their minds. The Buncom buildings, they felt, made the property even more attractive.

So as the four couples who would be the society's first directors got together over the next few months, the talk turned to formalizing protection of Buncom, and enlisting the help of all those who were interested.

After consultation with other historical societies in the county, the Buncom Historical Society was officially incorporated on April 24, 1991, as a non-profit Oregon

Buncom to Combine with Ruch for Joint "Day"

The directors of the Society have voted unanimously to join hands with Ruch for a joint celebration this year. Plans are underway to mark the Centennial of Ruch on the weekend normally reserved for Buncom Day, and we have enthusiastically decided to support them.

That means that Buncom Day 2000 will be held in Ruch, rather than at Buncom. Don't worry -- the best of Buncom Day -- including the World Famous Buncom Chicken Splat Contest -- will be there!

Save the date, Saturday, May 27! We'll have details in the May newsletter.

*We're also planning an annual
cleanup day, to spruce up the grounds
for the summer. Details later.*

corporation.

Since that time the Society's fund-raising and social efforts have preserved both the buildings themselves, and also the history of the area through the book, "Buncom: Crossroads Station," which was co-authored by Connie Fowler and J.B. Roberts.

And we've only just begun!

Let's Try That One More Time!

Last time we told you about the Internet site where Buncom weather information can be found. Unfortunately, about the time the newsletter was mailed the site went down and was out of service for a number of weeks. Now it's back in operation and here's the information again on where to find it:

Graphs:

www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/nwp/graphics/rogue/appcntl.html

(This page shows current readings in graphic form.)

Data:

www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/DataQuery

(Go to Little Applegate and enter the date range you want. This is the information from which the graphs are generated.)

Questions? Call Reeve Hennion at 899-7656.

NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

"Neighborhood Watch" is coming to the Little Applegate. An initial meeting with Ed Temple of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office was held at the Upper Applegate Grange in February with about 50 residents present. Further meetings, to decide on Watch areas and responsibilities in monitoring vehicle and pedestrian traffic, will be held in March.

Neighborhood or Community Watch programs have proven to be an effective deterrent to theft and vandalism, and Deputy Sheriff Chris Sorensen, of our Rural Action Team office in Ruch, is encouraging our cooperation.

For more information, call Warren Merz at 899-1574.

The Trail Band Show Was a Hit

Some 70 Society members and supporters had the choice seats at the Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater in December for the Christmas Show produced by the Portland-based Trail Band, an outstanding group of musicians. It was the second annual event for the Society, and the second time the Trail Band has performed its Christmas show in Medford.

Prior to the show, members and guests gathered together for a festive reception in one of the Theater's private rooms, with Christmas food, drink and merriment to get ready for the show.

The Trail Band, a favorite throughout the Northwest, brings music, nostalgia, humor and great artistry to their celebration of Christmases past and present.

Craterian General Manager Steve McCandless, in introducing the show, made special mention of our presence.

IT'S RENEWAL TIME!

It's that time already ... time to renew your membership for the millenium year 2000.

It's only \$5.00 per family. See the renewal form on Page 4 for details on membership, and the form to send in.

We all thank you for your continued support!

From Buncom's Past . . .

It was gold that led to the first white settlement in the Buncom area, although an Indian village was there earlier near the confluence of Sterling Creek and the Little Applegate River.

While gold was first discovered in Jacksonville in 1852 and on Sterling Creek in 1854, the Buncom Mining District wasn't organized until 1867.

NEW OR RENEWING MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

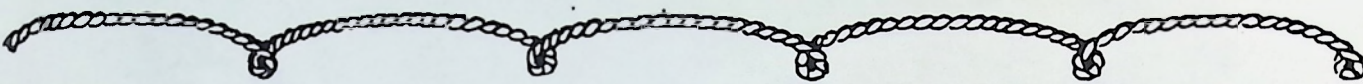
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Here are my membership dues for 2000. I've enclosed \$5.00 for an individual or family membership. _____

Please enter your name(s) as you would like it/them to appear on the membership certificate, suitable for framing, and the mailing list:

Name: _____

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Mail to: Buncom Historical Society, 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530

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On the Internet:
www.mind.net/buncom/

To join the Society: Send \$5.00 with your name and address to the Society at 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530.

